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arguments of its lawyers are not of the importance or interest that they have been.

But as portraits of men who from small beginnings and with few advantages worked themselves up into commanding position among their contemporaries, they are interesting, and it cannot be gainsaid that the lawyers whose labors are here described were men who fearlessly, faithfully and with signal ability discharged the duties which they were called on to perform.

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THE ANNUAL OF THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY. Edited by
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Legal literature has reached the point where compendiums of particular branches of the law, if well done, have an assured place. The second volume of the Messrs. BALLARD's work brings the law of Real Property down to the present year, continuing from Volume I begun a year earlier. As we said, in reviewing the first volume, the only true test of the success of such a production is the demand for it, and there is every evidence that this one has already met with that success.

Volume II contains a smaller number of cases reported in full than the previous volume. It is to our mind a mistake to insert the full report of *any* cases. The real use of a work of this kind is to direct the practitioner to the authorities for which he is in search, not to reproduce those authorities. It is upon the reports themselves that a lawyer must ultimately rely. The province of compendiums is to guide him by a short cut to his goal. The Ballard Annual does this far better than any mere digest can do, for on account of its elaborate arrangement and index, and especially the fact that something more than dry and insufficient syllabi are given, a far more correct estimate is given of the importance of the original cases, and whether or not they are applicable to the point being studied.

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